



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Leave Your Pet at Home on Hot Days**

The Animal Control Division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is reminding the public that you should leave your pet at home in hot weather. On an 85 degree day, it only takes about 10 minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102 degrees, even when the windows have been left open an inch or two.

Leaving your pet in a car can result in the pet owner receiving a citation and fine for animal neglect or cruelty.

If you must travel with your pet, take these precautions:

- Carry a gallon thermos of cold water or a two liter plastic bottle of frozen water.
- Exercise your pet when it is cooler and never immediately following a meal
- Hot asphalt and tar can burn paw pads
- Provide shade and plenty of water in non-tippable bowls

If your dog does get overheated, bring the temperature down by soaking the animal in cool water and seek veterinary care.

For more information on pet safety issues, please contact Animal Control at 441-7900.